



# NASA TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES INITIATIVES

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## Tribal Colleges and Universities Milestones

- October 19, 1996 Executive Order 13021, Tribal Colleges and Universities, signed.
- 1997-98 Site Visits to 8 TCU campuses.
- February 2, 1998 American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) meeting with OEOP.
- February 13, 1998 -
  - Carrie L. Billy, AIHEC Federal Relations Coordinator, sworn in as director of the newly established White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities.
  - George E. Reese designated as NASA's primary liaison to the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities, with Bettie White and Philip Sakimoto as alternates.
- April 15, 1998 Inter-Departmental Committee on Tribal Colleges & Universities, first meeting, Washington, DC.





# Proposed NASA Approach for Tribal Colleges February 2, 1998

- Pre-college outreach and teacher training
  - Use existing programs (e.g., PACE, MASTAP) modified as necessary to accommodate tribal college projects.
- Transfer pipelines to 4-year colleges
  - AISTEC revised this year to take lead.
- New solicitation for Institutional Development





## Tribal College Participation

## Precollege Awards for Excellence in Mathematics, Science, Engineering, and Technology (PACE/MSET)

| 1st Year | Install | Institution   | Project Title                      |
|----------|---------|---|------------------------------------|
| 1995     | HQ      | Fort Belknap College  | Preserving the Past and the Future |
| 1996     | HQ      | Northwest Indian College Seaquest Phase II                      |                                    |
| 1996     | JSC     | Southwest Indian Polytechnic Institute   SIPI PACE/MSET Project |                                    |
| 1998     | GSFC    | Oglala Lakota College   | OLC PACE/MSET                      |

#### 1998 PACE:

- Improved accessibility for TCU's by adding TCU's explicitly to list of eligible institutions and removing tenure-track requirement on P.I.
- Received 4 TCU proposals of which 1 was selected.

#### 1999 PACE

Received LOI from 1 TCU.





# Tribal College Participation in Mathematics Science Teacher and Curriculum Enhancement Awards Program (MASTAP)

#### 1994-1998 MASTAP:

- Eligibility limited to colleges that offered an undergraduate degree in education.
- No Tribal College Participation.

#### 1999 MASTAP:

- Improved accessibility for TCU's by adding TCU's explicitly to list of eligible institutions and allowing community colleges to propose as lead institution if they have a partnership with another institution that offers an undergraduate degree in education.
- Received 2 TCU proposals.





# Tribal College Participation in Partnership Awards

| 1st Year | Install | Institution             | Project Title   |
|----------|---------|-------------------------|---|
| 1997     | ARC     | Diné College            | American Indian Network Information Center (AINIC)        |
| 1997     | JSC     | Diné College            | Science Enrichment Activities                             |
| 1997     | JSC     | Oglala Lakota College   | Project SMASHStudent Math & Health Sciences Initiative    |
| 1997     | DFRC    | Salish Kootenai College | NASA Aeronautical Ambassador Program for American Indians |

- 1997 Partnership:
  - 4 TCU projects selected.
- 1998 PAIR:
  - Eligibility limited to institutions offering 4-year SEM degrees and holding current NASA research grant.
  - No TCU projects selected.





## American Indian Science Technology Education Consortium (AISTEC)

#### Consortium members:

- 4-year and graduate institutions: New Mexico Highlands (lead), Arizona State, Oklahoma State, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, University of New Mexico, University of Washington
- Tribal Colleges and Universities: Dine (Navajo) Community College,
   D-Q University, Haskell Indian Nations University, Salish Kootenai College

#### 1998 Improvements:

- Revised goals to emphasize tribal college development
- Revised objectives to provide measurable metrics
- Revised financial reporting system to control costing

#### 1999 Improvements:

- Increase TCU and Native American community ownership by:
  - » Establishing external advisory committee
  - » Establishing new and continuing project proposal review board to be led by Salish Kootenai College
- Develop additional sources of funds (e.g., private sector grants; technology transfer projects)





### **Opportunities**

- Existing precollege outreach and teacher training solicitations: PACE & MASTAP
- New process for AISTEC projects
  - call for proposals anticipated early 1999
- Tribal College workshops at NASA Installations
  - now in early planning stages
  - anticipate first workshop ~March 1999
- New solicitation for curriculum development
  - currently being revised





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